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ABSTRACT

2 A secondary battery includes an electrode assembly, an electrically conducting metallic can,
3 adapted to accommodate the electrode assembly, and having a side opening, a cap assembly
4 including a cap plate and an electrode port, the cap plate being coupled to the side opening of the
5 can and having at least one aperture in a side portion thereof, the electrode port being coupled to
6 the cap plate and being connected to one of at least two electrode tabs that extend from the
7 electrode assembly, and a lead plate, pressed into the at least one aperture of the cap plate, and
8 connected to a safety device.